

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21, and 22 are pending in this patent application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 20 has been cancelled, and the ground for the rejection is obviated.

Also, the Examiner rejected: claims 1-4, 6-20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(f) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,305,162 to *Cobo et al.*; claims 1, 2, 5, 7-13, and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,475,333 to *Todenmalm*; and claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,305,162 to *Cobo et al.*

On August 10, 2005, Applicant's representative had a telephone interview with the Examiner. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the telephone interview. In the telephone interview, the Examiner stated that claims 1, 10, and 22 would be allowable if those claims are amended to recite "throughout a whole range of the operator input."

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections by the Examiner. To advance the prosecution of the application, however, claims 1, 10, and 22 have been amended to recite "throughout a whole range of the operator input," as discussed during the telephone interview. As amended, the claims still encompass, for example, the subject matter illustrated in the relationships 60, 64 in FIG. 2 of this application. Thus, claims 1, 10, and 22 should be allowed.

Claims 2-9, 11-19, and 21 depend from claim 1 or claim 10. Therefore, those claims should also be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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